

first edition of Engler & Prantl's *Die Natürlichen Pflanzenfamilien* refers to this species, under the synonym *Centipeda orbicularis* Lour., as abundant in tropical Asia from Afghanistan eastwards, in Australia, and in Madagascar.

The plants growing at Wellesley (a small branching annual with tiny heads, suggesting those of *Tanacetum*, sessile in the axils of the cuneate leaves) resemble very closely the illustrations of this species cited under the name *Dichrocephala Schmidii* in tab. 1610 of Wight's *Icones Plantarum Indiae Orientales*. It is impossible to explain satisfactorily the occurrence of *Centipeda minima* at Wellesley. The seeds may have been present in litter that was used in covering the strawberry plants over winter, or in fertilizer applied to the plot of ground. It is very possible, however, that Miss Helen I. Davis, of the botany department of Wellesley College, returning from her trip around the world in 1934-'35 unwittingly brought in the seed. Miss Davis visited many of the regions where this species occurs. Inasmuch as the species is an annual it will be interesting to see if it appears again this coming summer.—ALICE M. OTTLEY, Wellesley College.

VERNONIA FASCICULATA Michx., var. **corymbosa** (Schwein.), comb. nov. *V. corymbosa* Schwein, in Keating, Narr. Exp. Long ii. 394 (1824). *V. Schweinitzii* Steud. Nom. ed II. ii. 755 (1841). *V. fasciculata corymbosa* Daniels Univ. Mo. Studies, Sci. ser. I. 403 (1907).

Study in the genus *Vernonia* has made clear the fact that *V. corymbosa* of Schweinitz should be treated as a variety of *V. fasciculata* Michx., as probably intended by Daniels. It is difficult, however, to know precisely what category Daniels did have in mind, when he published the trinomial *V. fasciculata corymbosa*. Since the combination is not in accordance with recommendation XXI under Article 45, Section 6 of the International Rules of Botanical Nomenclature, it seems best to publish a name validly at this time.—BERNICE G. SCHUBERT, Gray Herbarium.

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